

## Space A Travel – What You Need To Know!



**What is Space A?** – Space-Available travel is a travel benefit that allows authorized passengers to occupy DoD aircraft seats that are surplus after all space-required passengers and cargo have been accommodated.

### Categories:

*Cat I* - Emergency Leave Unfunded Travel

*Cat II* – Accompanied EML (travel with Sponsor)

*Cat III* - Ordinary Leave, House Hunting Permissive TDY,

Dependents with Sponsor deployed more than 365 days.

*Cat IV* – Unaccompanied EML (travel without Sponsor)

*Cat V* - Students, Dependents (*Cat for travel w/o Sponsor & no EML*)

*Cat VI* – Retirees

More detailed CAT info can be found [HERE](#)

**Restrictions & Notes** - May NOT be used for personal gain & travel not guaranteed.

Air Mobility Command Reminder: *Please be aware that Space-A travelers must be prepared to cover commercial travel expenses if Space-A flights are changed or become unavailable. ALL ASSOCIATED EXPENSES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRAVELER.*

**EML** - EML is Environmental Morale Leave. In certain OVERSEAS locations, living conditions are such that leave must be taken in a more suitable geographic and cultural environment to accomplish its stated purpose.

**Guam Authorized Destinations:** CONUS, Hawaii, Japan, Guam, & Korea

Restrictions: Can be used twice a year, 6 mo after arrival & 6 mo prior to leaving.

Letter good for 90 days **OR** 1 round trip.

-More EML location info: [www.spacea.net/images/pacom\\_eml\\_instruction.pdf](http://www.spacea.net/images/pacom_eml_instruction.pdf)

**Where Can I go?** – depends on what CAT you are and/or WHAT memo you have

**\*Traveling WITH your Sponsor (EML) – CAT II CONUS & OCONUS**

CONUS – Contiguous US (48 States)

OCONUS – Outside the Continental US

This includes HI, AK, & US Territories

**\*Traveling WITH your Sponsor (Non EML) – CAT III CONUS & OCONUS**

**\*Traveling WITHOUT Sponsor (EML) – CAT IV OCONUS to CONUS (First EML**

*Location in US)* No CONUS travel after arriving at first base

Can only travel from 1 CONUS base TO your OCONUS location, no CONUS to CONUS travel. EML starts when you get back to HI.

**\*Traveling WITHOUT Sponsor (Deployed) – CAT IV OCONUS & CONUS**

*You MAY travel CONUS with deployed Memo*

**\*Traveling WITHOUT Sponsor (Non-EML) – CAT V OCONUS & CONUS**

*(Only to first Location in US)* OCONUS – Japan, Singapore, Korea, HI

**Space A Destinations from Guam** – Common: Travis, Hickam, Japan

Hidden Gems: Singapore, Australia, Osan, & Alaska

**Cost?** – Free unless on PE (head tax). Optional box lunches. Carry cash.

**Passenger Terminal Facebook Pages** – [Andersen](#), [Hickam](#), [Travis](#), [Yokota](#), [Kadena](#), [Osan](#), [AMC RAAF Base Richmond](#)

**Facebook Group Info** – [World Traveling Military Families](#), [Space A DOD Travelers of USA](#), [SpaceAtheWorld](#)

**Helpful Websites** – [www.takeahop.com](http://www.takeahop.com) , [www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site/](http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site/) , [www.worldtravelingmilitaryfamily.com](http://www.worldtravelingmilitaryfamily.com) , [www.spacea.net](http://www.spacea.net)

**Signing Up** – Travel WITH Sponsor sign up at Midnight day leaves starts. Without Sponsor you can sign up date you get memo. Sponsor deployed you can sign up 10 days prior to them leaving, can leave as early as the first day they deploy.

Sign ups good for 60 days OR flight through terminal

Sign up at ALL terminals you ‘may’ use going & coming back

Keep a copy of the sent emails!

Once you fly through a terminal sign up again ASAP for route back

**Required Documents** – Military ID, for all 10 & over. Under 10 need DOD ID *or* Passport. Use MilConnect for DOD ID. Kids 10 & over must have Military ID.

**Marking Self Present**– Must be done to compete for flight, do at terminal up to 24 hrs prior. While there also verify that your on the list and sign up date/time is correct.

**Roll Call/Show Time** –2-3 hours before flt, arrive early. You’ll need all passengers present, required docs, luggage, & be ready to fly! Seats called by Cats from lowest to highest.

**Manifested** – Selected for flight! Make sure to get manifested through if you’re traveling to another base after! Book lodging if needed, find transportation, & commercial flights.

**Flying Cargo** – Must have closed toe shoes! Dress in layers! Floors are cold. Seating 1<sup>st</sup> come, look for outlets above seats. Car seats can be used. No running water in bathrooms, bring sanitizer. Loud, bring earplugs or noise cancelling headphones! Some PAX offer boxed lunches but not all do, you can bring food. Drinks after security are OK.

**Country Restrictions** – Japan: Stamp from Customs off base upon entry & departure, Singapore: no gum/knives/shorts. Australia: need VISA before leaving Guam (online)

**Lodging Info** – Use [www.Spacea.net](http://www.Spacea.net) info & AMCGRAM, secure before leaving

**Arriving at Destination** – Use transport, head to lodging/airport, make return plan!